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Dear Mr. Goff,

I am sorry not to have been able to respond to your letter of 8/24/76 sooner.

I am also sorry that restrictions imposed on me by what is called a post-phlebitic syndrome from time to time limit my access to some of my files. I therefore respond from recollection.

It is my recollection that I also invoked the Privacy Act. I believe no search fees are charged under it. Until I heard from you on this I'll defer sending a check because rectification may well cost the government more than the sum involved.

As best I can figure it what you report means files were destroyed or the search was not a good one. In addition, I broadened my request and asked that it be forwarded to the proper Treasury official, for all Departmental file on, about or in any way relating to me. To my knowledge the Department should have files relating to services I rendered it when Mr. Morgenthau was Secretary and to official actions following some of my exposes of that period.

Let me give you a couple of examples of how I know the Secret Service did have files on me and you should find them or a record of their destruction.

I believe any such destruction would be adverse to my interest because these were distributed and I have seen reference to some in the records of another agency.

There was a time when I farmed at Hyattstown. We were then buzzed by helicopters, including those assigned to the White House. The situation grew so bad that I was asked to keep in touch with one at the White House, whose number I was given. It was then a Major Doster, later a Navy officer named Tazewell Sheppard and my last contact was with a Colonel Boyer, who had a recollection of these facts. There came a time when someone started a rumor that I had threatened to shoot White House helicopters down. This was, of course, false. However, as I am sure you can realize, the Secret Service could not ignore it. Nor did it. It did have me under surveillance. I do know how this was done. It may be embarrassing to the Secret Service because it was all so irrational - even impossible - but it did happen. I am confident that the Secret Service did not then interview me on this. If it had it would have learned that my total weaponry was a single-shot .22 pistol I used to kill rodents on the farm and a .32 automatic pistol I'd had since the 1930s, when I lived in a tough neighborhood and had been robbed several times.

Secret Service agents have interviewed me in connection with other security investigations and in an overt investigation of me. The name of the agent who then came down from Gettysburg, on a Saturday afternoon, as he described it with a belly full of Ike's best stew, was, as I recall, Griffin (phon.) I know where else inquiries were then made about me by the Secret Service and for what purposes. The security investigation was recent enough for it not to have been within any destruction cycle as of the time of my request.

I have trouble believing you destroy records relating to threats against a President, whether or not real threats, once there is an investigation.

I do hope you will find these lead sufficient for a real search.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg